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Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero
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Northern District of California
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Re: *Travis Connell, et al. v. Applied Underwriters, Inc., et al.*
USDC Case No. C 04-3206 JCS

Dear Magistrate Judge Spero:

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that counsel for Defendants, American Employer's Group, Inc. and Applied Underwriters Inc., be allowed to appear telephonically for the March 4, 2005 Case Management Conference in the event an appearance is required. The parties were ordered to arbitration, have agreed to an arbitrator and an arbitration date is pending. Defense counsel are located in Southern California. As such, a telephonic appearance will ease travel and related costs. Counsel for Defendants may be reached at (949) 851-2424 and will be available beginning at 1:30 a.m. on March 4, 2005.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Jacobs

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IT IS SO ORDERED

Joseph C. Spero
Joseph C. Spero, Magistrate Judge

Date